

Appl. No. 09/827,671
Amendment dated January 7, 2005
Reply to office action of September 7, 2004

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By the above- identified office action, the invention of claims 1-5 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 25 and 26 of United States patent 6,046,674 and it was indicated that a timely filed terminal disclaimer could be used to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Claims 7, 8 were also rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claim 6 of United States patent 6,300,871.

By the present amendment, the independent claims 1 and 5 have been amended to recite weather and base stations that are " adapted for home and office use" and a terminal disclaimer is appended terminally disclaiming the terminal portion of United States patent 6,046,674 commonly owned with the instant application. No new matter has been entered.

Claim 6 had been previously canceled, and claims 7 and 8 have been canceled by the present amendment; accordingly, further discussion of the double patenting rejection of claims 7 and 8 is believed moot in view of the cancellation of the claims 7 and 8.

The applicant notes that the independent claims 1 and 5 as now amended present subject matter that is not identical with the independent claims 1 and 5 of United States patent 6,300,871 commonly owned with the instant application and would be willing to file an additional terminal disclaimer thereover should the examiner believe that would be in order.

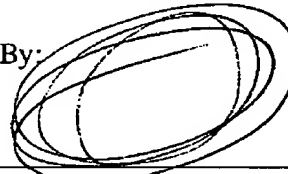
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Reconsideration and favorable action are accordingly respectfully requested. The examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that may be of assistance in furthering and/or expediting the prosecution of the instant application.

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